

ABSTRACT

A securement apparatus and methods of use thereof for selectively securing and barring one or more hinged doors or windows against opening and, thereby, prevent unwanted and/or unauthorized entry therethrough. The apparatus is effectively and operatively secured to the door or window frame, jamb and/or studs that define an opening without necessarily defacing, marring or damaging the door, window, frame, jamb, trim or molding during installation, use or removal thereof beyond that caused by the installation and/or removal of conventional door or window hardware. The apparatus generally includes a bracket that may be secured to the jamb behind a strike plate using the same screws, bolts or nails that secure the strike plate to the jamb. The apparatus further includes a barrier that selectively bars or prevents the pivotal movement of the closed door or window.